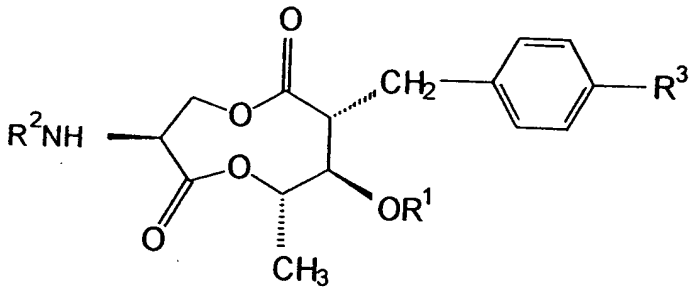
Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a benzoyl group having a substituent, or a quinoxalinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC_{1-6}alkylamino, formylamino, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, benzyloxy, C_{1-10}aliphatic acyloxy, benzoyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C_{1-4})alkyloxycarbonyl(C_{1-4})alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C_{1-4})alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C_{1-6})alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and

R^3 represents a hydrogen atom.

2-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 20, 21 or 33, wherein the acylamino represented by R^3 is C_{1-6} acylamino or the N,N-dialkylamino represented by R^3 is N,N-di(C_{1-4})alkylamino.

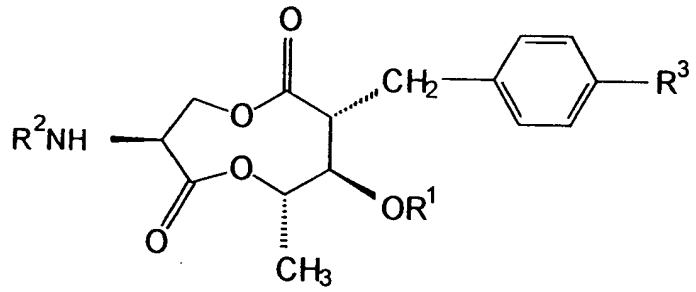
10. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 20, 21 or 33, wherein the acylamino represented by R^3 is formylamino or the N,N-dialkylamino represented by R^3 is N,N-dimethylamino.

11-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) A method for treating fungal infectious diseases, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20, 21 or 33 to agricultural or garden plants.

15-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently amended) A process for producing a compound represented by ~~formula (I) as defined in claim 1 wherein R^1 is as defined in claim 1 and~~ formula (I):



(I)

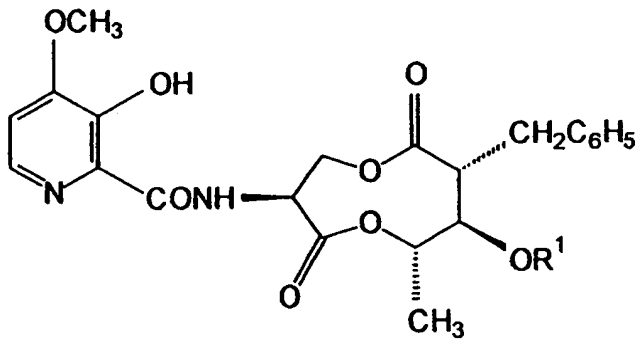
wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl, and

R^2 and R^3 each independently represent a hydrogen atom,

said process comprising the steps of:

chlorinating a compound represented by formula (II):



(II)

wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl,

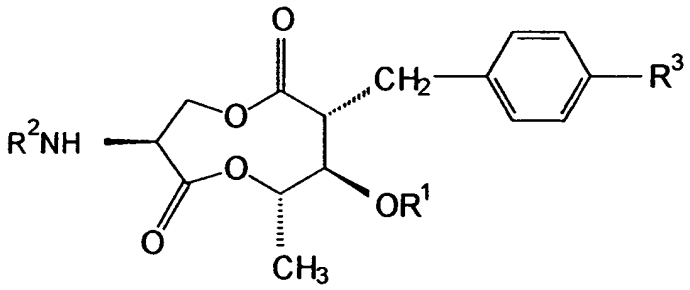
with a chlorinating agent;

etherifying the resultant imino chloro compound with an alcohol;

and

hydrolyzing the etherification product with water.

20. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



(I)

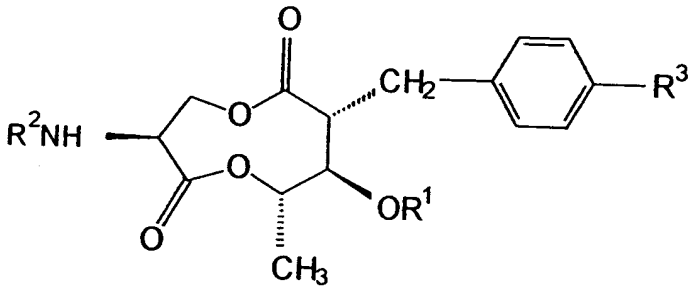
wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R^2 represents a 3-hydroxy-4-methoxypicolinoyl group; and

R^3 represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

21. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R^2 represents a hydrogen atom, a benzoyl group having a substituent, a nicotinoyl group having a substituent, or a quinoxalinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC_{1-6}alkylamino, formylamino, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, benzyloxy, C_{1-10}aliphatic acyloxy, benzoyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C_{1-4})alkyloxycarbonyl(C_{1-4})alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C_{1-4})alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C_{1-6})alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and

R^3 represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

22-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 33, wherein R^2 is a picolinoyl group,

said picolinoyl group being substituted by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkoxy, benzyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyloxy, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C_{1-6}) alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy.

25. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 33, wherein R^2 is a picolinoyl group,

said picolinoyl group being substituted

by C_{1-6} alkoxy and

by at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyloxy, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C_{1-6})alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy.

26. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 33, wherein R^2 is a picolinoyl group,

the 4-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by C_{1-6} alkoxy,

the 3-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyloxy, benzoyloxy, C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, benzyloxycarbonyl C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, carboxy C_{1-10} alkylcarbonyloxy, C_{1-6} alkylphosphoryloxy, di(C_{1-6}) alkylphosphoryloxy, or diphenylphosphoryloxy.

27. (Previously presented) The compound or salt thereof according to claim 33, wherein the C_{1-6} alkoxy is methoxy.

28. (Currently amended) ~~A pharmaceutical composition~~ An antifungal composition for agricultural and gardening applications comprising the compound or a salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20, 21 or 33 and a ~~pharmaceutically acceptable~~ carrier.

29. (Previously presented) A method for preventing the appearance and proliferation of *Pyricularia oryzae, Colletotricum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1,

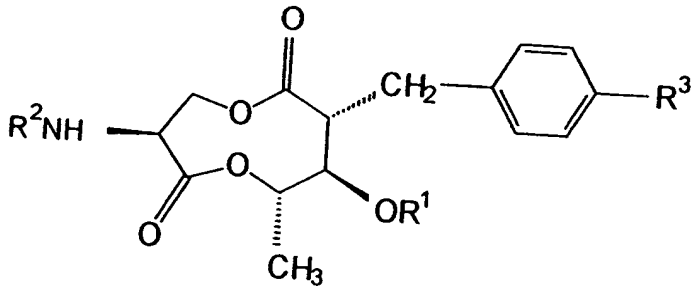
20, 21 or 33 to agricultural or garden plants, an environment for growing the plants, or equipment for agricultural and gardening applications.

30. (Withdrawn) A method for exterminating *Pyricularia oryzae, Colletotricum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising using an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 for agricultural or garden plants.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Withdrawn) A method for exterminating *Pyricularia oryzae, Colletotricum lagenarium* or *Pseudoperonocpora cubensis*, comprising applying an effective amount of the compound or salt thereof according to any one of claims 1, 20 or 21 to industrial products or in the course of production of industrial products.

33. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

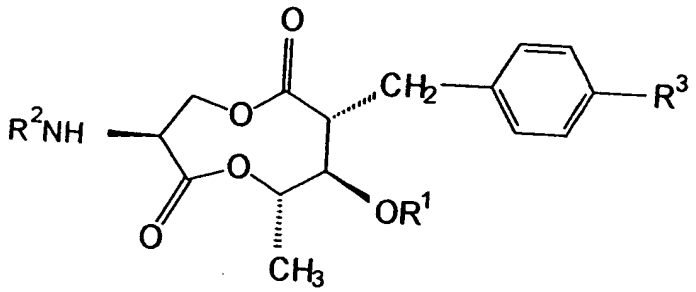
R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R^2 represents a picolinoyl group having a substituent, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of hydroxyl, halogen atoms, nitro, amino, diC_{1-6}alkylamino,

formylamino, C_{1-6}alkyl, C_{1-6}alkoxy, benzyloxy, C_{1-10}aliphatic acyloxy, benzoyloxy, C_{1-4}alkyloxycarbonyloxy, (C_{1-4})alkyloxycarbonyl(C_{1-4})alkyloxy, p-nitrobenzyloxycarbonyl(C_{1-4})alkyloxy, C_{1-6}alkylsulfonyloxy, di(C_{1-6})alkylphosphoryloxy, and diphenylphosphoryloxy; and

R^3 represents nitro, amino, acylamino, or N,N-dialkylamino.

34. (Previously presented) A compound represented by formula (I) or a salt thereof:



(I)

wherein

R^1 represents isobutyryl, tigloyl, isovaleryl, or 2-methylbutanoyl;

R^2 represents a picolinoyl group, the 3-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by acyloxy and the 4-position of said picolinoyl group being substituted by methoxy; and

R^3 represents a hydrogen atom.